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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Watch Committee

1. I will not be chairing the Watch Committee on the next three upcoming Tuesdays, i.e., the 14th, 21st, and 28th of April. In this connection I have asked [REDACTED] of DIA to let me know when he returns on Monday the 13th if he will be available to chair the meetings during my absence. If he advises me that he will not be able to do so for any or all of these meetings I assume you will be prepared to see that the chair is appropriately filled by CIA.

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2. For your information, it has become a practice that when the regular chairman of the Watch Committee is absent, the chair will pass to the DIA Watch Member during certain periods of the year or to the State Department Watch Member. In the immediate past the Department of State has made it a practice of not accepting the chairmanship in the absence of the regular Watch chairman, so that this duty has reverted under those circumstances to CIA. DIA, on the other hand, when [REDACTED] has been available, has accepted the chair. During the three week period of my absence the so-called "vice-chairmanship" of the Watch would fall in the period when DIA could field [REDACTED]

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3. I am expecting a call from [REDACTED] on Monday and will keep you advised.

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